

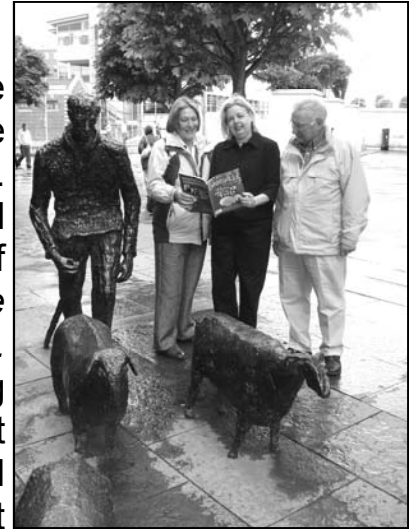
# Newburgh News of Note

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## Sister Cities International Conference

For the first time in its 53 year history, the annual conference was held outside the U.S. in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The success story of this region gives hope and inspiration to all. Sister Cities International continues to foster cross-cultural roles for local municipalities and their citizens. Seminars of particular interest were *Innovating Cultural Diplomacy*, *The Art of Peace Building*, and *Sports and the Peace Movement*. Along with our Newburgh England Sister City friends, Reg and Shirley Porter, Newburgh Council member Anne Rust Aurand participated in the conference in Belfast and returned inspired again by the role of citizen diplomats in the prospect of peace.



Anne Rust Aurand with Shirley and Reg Porter at the Belfast Convention Center.



## An Impressive Belfast, Northern Ireland

"A village in the 17th century, this robust northern metropolis of nearly half a million people - a third of Northern Ireland's population - has much in common with Liverpool and Manchester, those breezy cities across the Irish Sea. Belfast was the engine-room that drove the whirring wheels of the industrial revolution in Ulster. The development of industries like linen, rope-making and shipbuilding doubled the size of the town every ten years. The world's largest dry dock (where the Titanic was built and launched in 1912) is here and the shipyard's giant cranes (dubbed Samson and Goliath) tower over the port.

Today the city and the river front are again being transformed. Much of the city centre is now pleasantly pedestrianized, with benches where you can sit and listen to the street musicians. There are many exuberant Victorian and Edwardian buildings with elaborate sculptures over doors and windows. Stone-carved heads of gods and poets, scientists, kings and queens peer down from the high ledges of banks and old linen warehouses."

*Quoted from the official site of the Northern Ireland Tourist Board.*

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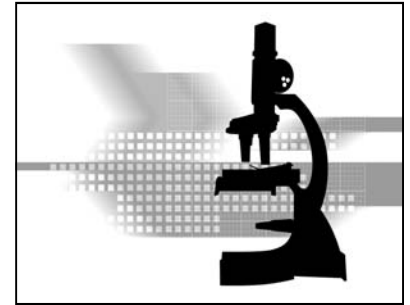
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# H1N1

Originally and incorrectly dubbed "Swine Flu," the H1N1 Virus is here.

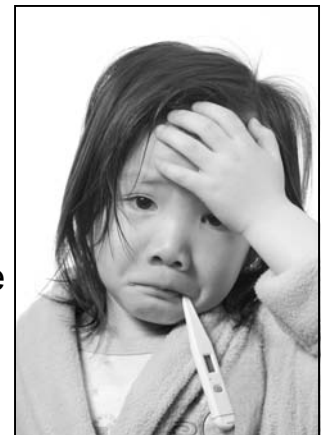
## We Know:

- It is a novel (meaning unique) virus with no apparent pre-existing immunity.
- This virus generally does not attack the elderly but rather children and young adults.
- Vaccines are being prepared, tested, and are expected in late October.
- Vaccines will be provided free of charge by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
- The CDC will designate target groups based on those most susceptible to the virus.
- The symptoms are sore throat, coughing, stuffy nose, chills, head and body ache, and fatigue. (vomiting and diarrhea are not symptoms of H1N1)



## We Think We Know:

- There will be two injections required about a month apart.
- The order of target groups will be as follows: pregnant women, household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 years of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, children from 6 months -18 years of age, young adults 19 - 24 years of age, persons 25 - 64 with high risk health conditions, all others. This could change if the virus becomes more prevalent in different target groups.
- We expect enough vaccine for everyone, with an initial shipment in October and weekly shipments thereafter.



Until now, the virus has been mild. Most deaths that have occurred were primarily due to other existing health conditions. Experts are predicting that the H1N1 could become more intense as the temperature and humidity drop and we move into Fall and Winter. We are not certain that this will happen, but with that possibility, we must be prepared. Even if the virus does not become deadly, an active pandemic can keep enough people sick at home to bring everyday businesses and services to a halt. Now is not the time to be alarmed, but it is the time to prepare.

There is much that we as individuals can do to slow down the spread of H1N1. Don't just rely on the vaccine. It is up to each of us to do our part.

The actions YOU take to stay healthy are actually the BEST defense against H1N1. Examples are:

- Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands; wash them often with soap and water.
- Use alcohol hand cleaners if soap and water are not available.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Use the available wipes at the grocery for the shopping cart handle.
- Clean doorknobs, light switches, your desk, or anything with which you have frequent contact.
- If you have symptoms, stay home from work. Avoid others.
- If your children have symptoms, keep them home from school.

If you have any questions concerning H1N1 or other disaster preparedness questions, call Frank Hijuelos, Emergency Manager for the Town of Newburgh.

**If you would like a presentation on Disaster Preparedness and Pandemic Influenza, for your group, club, or organization, call Frank at 853.2728.**

Frank A. Hijuelos

Director of Planning and Development



## Pet Permits

Chief Sprinkle would like to remind all Newburgh residents who own dogs and cats that they must purchase a yearly animal permit. The department has been responding to various animal complaints, and when officers arrive, they often find the owners do not have the proper permits for their pets. Officers will be issuing citations for unlicensed animals. Per

Ordinance 1987-14, all permits issued shall be valid from their date of issue to the first Tuesday of February in the next year after issue. To obtain the permit, proof of vaccination and if sterilized, the appropriate documentation must be presented. Please purchase your permits in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer located at Newburgh Town Hall. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 4 PM.



Wm. F. Kavanaugh, Police Commissioner

## Firefighter Challenge Competition

"It's the toughest two minutes in sports" claim members of the Newburgh Volunteer Firefighters Association who participate annually in the National Firefighter Challenge Competition. The event is a simulated rescue operation requiring extreme exertion in the five major skills of firefighting, testing the physical and emotional fitness of those participating. The competition consists of a 5-story tower climb with a 40 lb pack while wearing structural firefighting gear followed by the hoisting of a 40 lb weight up 5 stories with a descent down stairs to a forced entry through a deadbolt and a 185 lb steel beam impediment. The contestants then proceed to an obstacle course and end with moving "Rescue Randy," a 185 lb mannequin 100 feet. As the only team from Warrick County, Team Newburgh Fire represents Newburgh and the area well and expects to improve its performance over last year's successful competition. The 2009 event is scheduled for October 17 and 18 at the Pagoda in downtown Evansville.

Alonzo B. Moore, Fire Commissioner

### NVFA Annual Open House

**Sunday, October 11**

**1 PM – 4 PM**

**540 State Street**

### Newburgh Officials

#### TOWN COUNCIL

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Utility Office Manager Shawn Mundy  
WWTF Superintendent Leon Key

#### STREET DEPARTMENT

Street Superintendent John Heck 853.6648

#### POLICE

Emergency only 911 Information 853.1723

#### FIRE

Emergency only 911 Information 853.7651

#### DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT/MAIN STREET

Historic Newburgh, Inc. 853.2815

## IT'S AGAINST THE LAW

Did you know that sweeping grass cuttings or other debris into streets, ditches, and storm drains is against the law? Newburgh Ordinance 1985-2 also prohibits placing grass, limbs, leaves, yard debris or any obstructions of any kind in drains, sewers, ditches, or gutters. There has been an increase in this activity which has resulted in clogged drains, constricted water flow, and obstructed drainage systems. It also pollutes our rivers and streams and is damaging to the environment. Fines and penalties can range up to \$2,500.00 and citations will be issued to violators. Please do your part in keeping our neighborhoods clean and storm water flowing properly.

Frank A. Hijuelos

Director of Planning and Development

## Town of Newburgh Veterans Monument

### Engraved Brick Order Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: Veterans Monument Town of Newburgh  
 P.O. Box 6  
 Newburgh, IN 47629

#### 4 x 8 brick - \$50.00

12 letters or spaces per line, 3 line maximum

Brick # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Brick # 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### 8 x 8 brick - \$75.00

#### Available to honor or remember a veteran only

12 letters or spaces per line, 4 line maximum Please circle military branch for insignia placed on brick

Brick # 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Brick # 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Order Your Brick Today

Brick orders are accepted annually. The deadline for 2009 brick orders is September 25, 2009. Newly ordered bricks will be placed at the monument before Veterans Day. For more information, visit [www.newburgh-in.gov](http://www.newburgh-in.gov) (Veterans Monument) or call the Town Manager 853.3578. Shari Sherman, Veterans Monument Chair

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Newburgh, IN 47629

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## Upcoming Events in Newburgh

### **Fiddler Fest September 25, 26 and 27**

Friday 5 PM - 9 PM Fiddlers and Bluegrass

Saturday 11:30 AM - 9 PM "Big Whoppers" Contest

Sunday 12 - 4 PM Family Activities

Old Lock & Dam Site

Famed Fiddler Dinners

Beer Garden on Friday and Saturday



### **Ghost Walks October 23, 24, 25**

For more details, call Historic Newburgh, Inc. 853.2815